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Soul Beach Music Festival opening night leave them laughing



Comedy veteran Rudy Rush crack up the audience

The 11th Soul Beach Music Festival opened their official concerts with a dynamic line up of young and veteran comedians for the Shaquille O'Neal All Star Comedy Jam at the Aruba Entertainment Center on Friday evening.

Special Guest Host Mark Curry, star of the hit show "Hanging with Mr. Cooper," got "down and dirty"-quite literally!- with the packed stadium, by walking through the



Mark Curry, down and dirty with the audience

isles and thrilling the crowd with his in-your-face interaction and gentle gibes.

This was a great warm up for young L.A. comedian Chase Anthony, whose pointed observances and wry humor further enhanced the hilarity. Veteran comedian Rudy Rush took the stage to bowl over the audience, punctuating his witty comments with purely funny physicality; both talented performers were a very pleasant surprise for the audience, as they were not on the original program.

Headliner David Arnold took the stage to amuse for the

shank of the evening, as unfortunately, Cory Holcomb barely made it to the concert because of missing his scheduled flight.

A later plane got him to Aruba in time to finish up with 15 minutes entertaining the

crowd. He would have stayed on stage quite a bit longer, however, Aruba's curfew laws for concerts required the show to end. Despite being offered refunds at the beginning of the evening, when it was discovered his presence could not be

guaranteed, the audience chose to remain, and were well rewarded for their patience by an excellent night of fine humor and fun.

Rosalie Klein

(See more photos inside)

Islanders honor noted composer and artist Joannes Donati on his 80th BD



Aruban Renaissance man Joannes Donati was honored by island literati and artists during a festive evening in the courtyard of the Department of Culture in Oranjestad this weekend. Photo depicts Joannes accompanied by his adoring daughters. (see story on pg 8)

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Greenpeace climbers occupy Arctic oil rig



Should drilling for oil be banned in the Arctic?

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AFP) - Two Greenpeace activists occupied a drilling platform in southwestern Greenland Sunday to protest oil prospecting in the Arctic, causing the government to issue an angry reaction.

The activists, who arrived by rubber dinghy, climbed the 53,000-tonne "Leif Eiriksson", a rig due to begin drilling for oil for Scottish company Cairn

Energy.

They placed themselves in a survival pod that now hangs from the platform 30 metres above icy water below, Greenpeace said.

"The two men are in this capsule with enough supplies for 10 days," said Birgitte Lesanner, Greenpeace spokeswoman in Denmark.

The event took place Sunday, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) off the coast of Greenland's capital, Nuuk.

The platform was on its way to its field of operations where two separate drilling explorations are to take place before December, when Arctic water begins icing over.

"Cairn Energy plays dangerously with Greenland's nature," said Greenpeace in a statement, deploring that the Scottish oil company stayed

"deaf to calls by environmental organisations, fishermen and warnings by Canada and the United Kingdom against drilling in the Arctic."

"Greenpeace is acting cynically, at the expense of the legitimate rights for those less advanced to develop economically," industry minister Ove Karl Berthelsen in a statement, labelling Sunday's action a stunt to "attract media attention".

Greenland, an overseas territory of Denmark, is looking to oil prospecting as a way to ensure its economic independence.

Cairn Energy has told Greenland authorities that it will continue moving its platform towards the agreed drilling point and it has not excluded asking police to evict the two activists.

study: More countries accepting homosexuality

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - The vast majority of countries around the world have become more accepting of homosexuality, with the exception of Russia and other former socialist countries, a new study has found.

Approval of homosexuality increased in 27 countries and decreased in only four: Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Latvia and Russia, the study noted.

The growth in approval ratings was stronger than the decline.

The study rated the top five most tolerant countries regarding homosexuality as the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, and Belgium, according to the survey.

The bottom half of the list

consisted of seven ex-socialist states, East Asian nations, Latin American countries and Cyprus, South Africa, and Turkey.

In Russia, 59 percent of the population felt that homosexual behavior was wrong in 1991 compared with 64 percent in 2008, the study showed.

In Russia on week-end Moscow police detained three global gay rights leaders and dozens of Russians in a violent end to a rally that activists tried to stage near the Kremlin wall despite a ban.

The small crowd of young marchers was attacked by members of an ultra-Orthodox group who had successfully lobbied Moscow to ban the event.

Obama: Missouri tornado disaster 'a national tragedy'

JOPLIN, U.S. (AFP) - President Barack Obama, paying tribute to victims of one of deadliest tornadoes in US history, pledged Sunday to stand with Joplin, Missouri "every step of the way" as it rebuilds.

"We will be with you every step of the way," the president said, raising his voice over applause. "The cameras may leave, the spotlight may shift. But we will be with you every step of the way until Joplin is restored and this community is back on its feet."

The massive tornado, which killed 142 people in this town of 50,000, was one of the worst ever in the United States. Missouri Governor Jay Nixon said Sunday that 44 people remain missing.

The president's motorcade drove through some of the hardest-hit areas, stopping along with Nixon to talk to residents, many of whose

homes were destroyed by the 200 miles per hour (300 kilometer per hour) winds.

Obama also praised volunteers: "Some of you used your pickup trucks as ambulances, carrying the injured on doors that served as stretchers. Your restaurants have rushed food to people in need. Businesses have filled trucks with donations. You've waited in line for hours to donate blood."

At the memorial service, Missouri's governor pledged to rebuild. "The people of Missouri were born for this mission," Nixon said. "We are famously stubborn and self-reliant, practical, impatient. No storm, no fire, no flood can turn us from our task."

Crews continued searching for the missing, seven days after the tornado tore apart everything it touched along a path four miles (six kilometers) long.



TEGUCIGALPA: Honduran former President Manuel Zelaya speaks upon his arrival in Tegucigalpa on week-end. Zelaya, thrown out of the country at gunpoint in a 2009 coup, returns home on Saturday under an amnesty deal brokered with the current leader, Porfirio Lobo. Zelaya is ending a 16-month exile in the Dominican Republic, part of the deal that will allow Honduras to rejoin the Organization of American States (OAS) and gain access to international aid and lines of credit.

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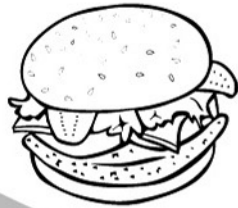
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Aruba Airport Authority N.V. is ready for 2011 Hurricane Season



HPWG: Andry Lopez, John Becker, Chito Geerman, Eric Martijn, Emily Ras, Suzanne Garcia, Harold Webb.

ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA), who manages Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix, has an important task during the hurricane season, since the fact that Aruba has only one airport and one runway.

Although Aruba lies at the fringes of the hurricane belt, nature has still proven to be unpredictable despite of all the advanced technology that we have today to predict and monitor natural disasters.

In case of a hurricane hit, the first international help will arrive by air and therefore we need to take all necessary precaution to minimize damage to our airport facilities.

The hurricane season starts every year on June 1 and ends on November 30.

At AAA, a specific work-group, named the Hurricane Preparedness Working Group (HPWG), consisting of members from all units of the AAA organization has the task to

take all preventive actions according to the Hurricane Preparedness Plan.

The Airside Safety Management Unit is in charge of the annual update of the Hurricane Preparedness Plan with the sole aim to safeguard the airport facilities for possible hurricane hit during aforementioned period.

Last week the chairman of the HPWG met with the members to review the manual and to start the preparations for the hurricane season. An important task of this group is the monitoring of current weather in our area and to inform AAA's management team of approaching bad weather and to activate the Hurricane Plan.

According to the chairman, Mr. Eric Martijn, Head Airside Safety Management Unit, in the last 7 years the plan was activated only once in which our airport was closed due to safety precaution.

Industry Day for "Green Corridor" Project stirs great interest



Last Friday the Aruba government held their second information session regarding the "Green Corridor" project. This is a huge project which entails the constructing of a 30 km road from the Airport in Oranjestad all the way to San Nicolaas which also includes the building of a new bridge.

The project is part of the beautification of the entire route from Oranjestad to San Nicolaas.

Industry Day, as the conference was dubbed, was especially for companies and others to get detailed, technical and legal information related to this project. There were an enormous amount of interested parties at the information session. People came from the commercial, legal and governmental sectors; people from abroad were also in attendance.

Different speakers presented in depth information and all aspects of this massive project. The presentations included information regarding the importance

and benefits of a Public Private Partnership (PPP). Also, presented were details regarding financing, procedures and regulations related to the planning, selection and the granting of the project.

In addition to two ministers, namely, de Meza of Finance, Winklaar-Hooyboer of Economics, DOW's Marlon Croes and Mrs. Marcelle van Valkenburg of Rijkswaterstaat, and Paul van den Berg of Price Waterhouse & Coopers and Mrs. Isella Wernet representing the ministry of infrastructure, were also part of the info panel.

Paul van den Berg of Price Waterhouse & Coopers is a financial adviser in matters related to a Private Partnership Program.

Unquestionably, the "Green Corridor" project will be very beneficial to Aruba and most specifically to the San Nicolaas area. San Nicolaas has been crying out for the longest time for a much better infrastructure between San Nicolaas and Oranjestad. Our information indicates that the preparatory phase of the project is set to begin this June with construction to commence around mid 2012.

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Kiki has already advanced the funds to save another dog from a loving home, which was also injured from a hit and run; they had fallen on hard times and already spent all their spare cash to try and save its leg. Kiki is still scrounging for donations to cover regular expenses and neutering for all the adopted animals, as well as trying to collect the funds needed to build a proper facility to accommodate over 200 dogs. She is hoping a kind soul will contact her to pay for

Stephan's operation, as his eye may go gangrene, and it is causing him quite some pain, he needs the operation as soon as possible.

Since coming to live on Aruba 14 years ago, Kiki has been retrieving dogs and cats off the streets and nursing them back to health, while psychologically rehabilitating them to their naturally affectionate and devoted dispositions. They are living proof that a little kindness goes a long way. If you wish to assist in some way with this current campaign to save Stephan or to adopt a dog, call 565-2130 or 742-8732. It is not unusual for vacationers to return to their homes with one of our very appealing "cunucu dogs." Just such a story was featured in the February 2011 edition of "Dog Fancy" magazine. Transporting them to the U.S. or Europe is simple and she will walk you through the process.

Any donations is appreciated as it costs an astronomical amount of money to feed all the animals and Kiki maintains her Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office as a free service when their owners are unable to do so, as well as rescuing animals off the street. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal.

by Rosalie Klein

Carnival Night at Paseo Herencia

Last Thursday night, Paseo Herencia held their Carnival Night which proved to be a huge success.

Locals and tourist had a great time, enjoying the festive ambiance on the rhythm of Aruba's typical Carnival music.

The Dance Show was presented by Youth in Action Dancers.

A tremendous musical show was given by the winners of the local brass band contest "OBS," accompanied by dancers who managed to draw everyone into the Carnival mood.

The well-liked water show closed off the perfect evening.

"Keep pending for Paseo Herencia's next Carnival Show, because when we talk about having a good time, Paseo Herencia is the place to be, said a spokesperson.



the local brass band "OBS," giving their show



Locals and tourist enjoying the festive ambiance

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Lifelong friendship born of a love of Aruba



Catherine Sue Balfour of Westfield, Pennsylvania is one of those long time visitors who has found Aruba and its people has come to mean much more to her than simply a place to vacation every year. An owner of two weeks at the Renaissance Beach Suites since it first broke ground as Harbortown, she has formed lifelong bonds with several island families since her first visit, which has made her a very active and vocal one-woman campaign for Aruba's virtues as a destination.

One of the dearest of her relationships is with another

Katherine; popularly known as Katrina, Arends. Katrina worked for decades as the Aruba Tourism Authority representative at their New York office, which relocated to Weehawken, N.J.

After ten years of being a consistent and dedicated fan of Aruba with her husband Le Roy, Sue was offered a job by AAA to be their "Aruba Specialist," because of her knowledge and enthusiasm for the island. Sue was taking care of her mother, so suggested she take the position working out of her home, rather than at the office, and AAA agreed. This

was long before one could research anything and everything on the Internet in a matter of moments, so Sue contacted the ATA and Katrina for more information and printed materials she could distribute to potential travelers. They ended up chatting for hours.

Much to Sue's surprise, boxes and boxes of flyers and informative pamphlets began arriving at her door. "From the first moment we spoke on the phone, we just clicked," recalls Katrina. That immediate connection grew into an authentic friendship lasting decades, and Katrina has visited Sue at her home in Pennsylvania, as well as sharing time with her on the island during her visits, whenever she could.

"I cannot believe the time and personal expense Sue dedicated to getting out the word about Aruba," comments Katrina. "She could have been an official ATA representative with all the traveling she did and mailing out information, but she did it purely out of love of the island, never being reimbursed for her costs."

"That wasn't important," asserts Sue. She was happy to do it so people would know of the wonderful bonds she had formed with many of island residents such as Lilliana Gracia, Jackie and Art In 't Veld and Ina and Omar Maduro, with whom she stays for a week every year in their home, before moving into her timeshare at the Renaissance. All of them were a vital support

group when her husband Le Roy died of an aneurism while they were vacationing here in 2004.

"Le Roy loved Aruba as much as I did; it was his idea to purchase the timeshare. When he died, everyone was there to help me make the arrangements and to comfort me in my grief."

Despite that sad event, Sue's time in Aruba each year is as special as ever; of her three children, only one, Zachary, is not afraid to fly, and he visited the island for the first last year for his honeymoon. "He is now just as crazy about Aruba as I am," commented Sue, "he finally understands what I have been raving about all these years."

By Rosalie Klein



WE GET MAIL

Hello from Iowa USA

My husband and I will be traveling to Aruba and it will be our fourth trip. I love reading your paper when I am there but more when I am here in Iowa missing Aruba.

*Thank you
Karen*

Sci-Tech

Tablets, 3D in focus at future-shaping Taiwan IT show



TAIPEI (AFP) – The question of how to get 3D technology into every living room and a tablet computer into every hand is set to dominate Asia's largest IT fair which opens in Taiwan this week.

Around 1,800 exhibitors from across the world will descend on Taipei for the Computex fair, which runs from Tuesday to Sunday, hoping to generate an estimated \$23 billion of sales from 36,000 buyers, organisers say.

Under the slogan "Shaping the future!" the fair will showcase a cascade of new products designed to stir the interest of tech-savvy consumers.

3D is expected to take centre stage, as the technology becomes cheaper and migrates from multiplex cinemas to ordinary homes.

"In the past, the resolution of the TV displays was low, and people could only watch 3D movies in the theatre, where they also had to wear goggles," said Stephen Jeng, secretary-general of the 3D Interaction and Display Alliance.

"But now, equipped with Blu-ray 3D players, people can see movies at home on their own TVs."

Most exhibitors are tight-lipped over what new gadgets they will unveil at the show, hoping the element of surprise will add to the impact among potential customers.

But among technologies confirmed to be on display is one developed by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), a semi-official research body in Taiwan, allowing 2D and 3D to be showed alongside each other on displays.

Another example of what's in store is The HoloAD, a box-like device developed by Taiwan-based company Innovision, which allows a three-dimensional display for advertisements.

The development of 3D

content remains slow due to high production costs, but forecasts for the sector are bullish.

In 2011 up to 12.9 million TV sets with built-in 3D may be sold worldwide, up from 3.5 million last year, according to a forecast from ITRI.

Last year's global sales of 3D TV panels accounted for 2.1 percent of the total number of panels sold worldwide, according to the institute which expects the figure to treble this year before soaring to over 50 percent by 2015.

Technology giants such as Samsung of South Korea and Japan's Sony have already released 3D television sets, and Taiwan players are expected to follow later this year.

Taiwanese manufacturers BenQ and Chimei both plan to launch 3D televisions in 2011.

Chimei Innolux Corp, a leading liquid crystal display panel maker, is one of the Taiwan high-tech companies now tying a major part of its revenue stream to the new format.

"Our 3D display sales in China, largely for use in desktop monitors and TV sets, will account for 20 percent of total shipments there," said spokeswoman Loreta Chen.

The other hot new sector to be showcased at Computex is the tablet computer, which has seen a proliferation of brands hit the market since Apple's groundbreaking iPad was released in April last year.

This trend is spawning whole new industries, such as a solar power-generating cover for iPad-type devices and e-books, developed by Portable Solar Power, based in the Taipei area.

"Since the iPad was put on the market, it has swept the world, and demand will be even stronger this year," said Chang Li from the Taipei Computer Association which co-hosts the annual event.

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Climate change to deal blow to fruits, nuts: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) – Climate change is expected to alter the global industry in fruits and nuts dramatically as tree crops such as pistachios and cherries struggle in the rising temperatures, researchers said.

A study said that even if polluters took greater action to cut carbon emissions, the impact of climate change will likely be severe enough that the nearly \$100 billion-a-year fruit and nut industry needs to reassess planning.

Trees in temperate regions evolved to need a chilly period so they can grow in the spring. Rising temperatures pose a special problem for temperate but comparatively warm areas where the winter chill is already in short supply.

The study, published in May by the online journal PLoS One, expected fruit and nut trees to be highly affected in California, the southeastern United States, China's Yunnan province and southern and southwestern Australia.

Areas that have already seen the worst losses of winter chill include Israel, Morocco, Tunisia and the Cape region of South Africa, the study said.

Common fruits and nuts in the warmer temperate areas include pistachios, which are popular in Iran and California, along with walnuts, cherries and peaches.

Co-author Eike Luedeling of the Nairobi-based World Agroforestry Centre said that farmers making long-term investments needed to realize quickly that fruits and nuts are more vulnerable than many other crops.

"If I'm growing wheat or maize, then from one year to the next I can decide whether to plant a little late or plant a little earlier or plant a different variety," Luedeling said.

"But for trees, you can't. Once you've made a decision to plant a certain crop, you're locked in for 30 years," he said.

Luedeling, who observed the problem of declining yields while researching trees in Oman, said that the economic impact of climate change to fruits and nuts would depend on decisions being made now.

"If farmers wake up to the reality of climate change and start making these adjustments -- switching to cultivars that are appropriate in the future, but not necessarily now yet -- then the disruption

to markets could be minimal," he said.

"But if we don't, if farmers believe they can keep doing what their grandfathers have done, then we will see some serious problems," he said.

Climate change is forecast to have less impact on cooler temperate regions and the winter chill may actually increase in some colder regions, the study found.

Co-author Evan Girvetz, a senior climate scientist at The Nature Conservancy, a US environmental group, said cooler regions had a greater window for rising temperatures as they started out with more days of winter chill.

But many warmer areas are "already on that edge of not having enough cold temperatures during the winter for good fruit and nut production," Girvetz said.

"They have years when you don't have enough full production and as we move into the future, we are finding that that's going to become more common," he said.

Even if the world cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions, "we are still projecting that the suitability for growing these crops is likely to decrease," he said.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in a major report in 2007 forecast that the world would heat up by 1.8 to 4.0 degrees Celsius (3.2-7.2 degrees Fahrenheit) by 2100 compared with pre-industrial levels and that some damage was irreversible.

however, political momentum to fight climate change has since declined, especially in the United States, with a number of conservative lawmakers raising doubts about the science and saying that action is too costly.

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Health & Living

Children's nutrition: 10 tips for picky eaters



Children's nutrition doesn't have to be frustrating. Consider these strategies to avoid power struggles and help the picky eater in your family eat a balanced diet.

- *1. Respect your child's appetite — or lack of one
Young children tend to eat only when they're hungry. If your child isn't hungry, don't force a meal or snack.
- *2. Stick to the routine
Serve meals and snacks at about the same times every

day. Nix juice, milk and snacks for at least one hour before meals.

- *3. Be patient with new foods
Young children often touch or smell new foods, and may even put tiny bits in their mouths and then take them back out again.
- *4. Make it fun
Serve broccoli and other veggies with a favorite dip or sauce.

- *5. Recruit your child's help
At the grocery store, ask your child to help you select fruits, vegetables and other healthy foods. Don't buy anything that you don't want your child to eat.
- *6. Set a good example
If you eat a variety of healthy foods, your child is more likely to follow suit.
- *7. Be sneaky
Add chopped broccoli or green peppers to spaghetti sauce, top cereal with fruit slices, or mix grated zucchini

and carrots into casseroles and soups.

- *8. Minimize distractions
Turn off the television during meals, and don't allow books or toys at the table.
- *9. Don't offer dessert as a reward
Withholding dessert sends the message that dessert is the best food.

- *10. Don't be a short order cook
Preparing a separate meal for your child after he or she rejects the original meal may encourage your child's picky eating. Keep serving your child healthy choices until they become familiar and preferred.

If you're concerned that picky eating is compromising your child's growth and development or if certain foods make your child ill, consult your child's doctor. In the meantime, remember that your child's eating habits won't likely change overnight — but the small steps you take each day can help promote a lifetime of healthy eating.

Germany hunts source of deadly E. coli

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) — Germany said Sunday it was pulling out all the stops to locate the exact source of an outbreak of E. coli bacteria poisoning blamed for 10 deaths, which authorities suspect may have originated in Spain.

"Until experts in Germany and Spain are able to positively identify the source of the pathogen, general warnings about vegetables remain valid," Consumer Affairs Minister Ilse Aigner told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper.

The European Commission said on Friday that organic cucumbers from southern Spain have been confirmed as a source of the outbreak of enterohaemorrhagic E. coli (EHEC) poisoning.

Germany's national disease institute, the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), has said two deaths were from haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS), a disease caused by EHEC that can lead to bloody diarrhoea and serious liver damage.

But there are eight other suspected HUS deaths, and the

RKI has said that close to 300 people have contracted the disease in recent weeks. Normally about 60 people in Germany a year contract HUS.

Spanish authorities said Saturday they had introduced restrictions on two distributors. Andalusia's regional council said suspect batches had been withdrawn pending tests, results of which were due today.

But the European Commission said a batch of cucumbers originating either in The Netherlands or in Denmark, and traded in Germany, was also under investigation.

The epicentre of the outbreak has been in northern Germany, with more than 1,000 people suspected of being infected, reports said. Several are said to be fighting for their lives.

The RKI said last week that a study conducted with the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) had shown that those affected had eaten significantly above-average amounts of tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers.

Health Tip: Prevent Motion Sickness

-- Motion sickness can quickly spoil that long-awaited vacation or business trip.

The inner-ear disorder affects balance and equilibrium, possibly leading to queasiness, nausea and vomiting.

The Cleveland Clinic suggests these tips for preventing motion sickness:

- If you're prone to motion sickness, don't read in a moving vehicle.
- Be sure to get plenty of sleep before traveling.
- Skip foods that are acidic or greasy.
- Drink lots of water throughout the day, but restrict drinking alcohol.
- Avoid smoking and inhaling second-hand smoke, and close contact with other people who have motion sickness.
- Lean your head back against the head rest of your seat.
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Islanders honor noted composer and artist Joannes Donati on his 80th birthday



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Aruban Renaissance man Joannes Donati was honored by island literati and artists during a festive evening in the courtyard of the Department of Culture in Oranjestad on Saturday evening, May 28. The festive evening was arranged as a surprise by his adoring daughters, showcasing his talents in poetry, musical composition and painting.

"Joannes is not just a songwriter, but a real composer," commented respected island literary, music and drama historian and critic Jubi Naar. "When you listen to his poetry and songs, you

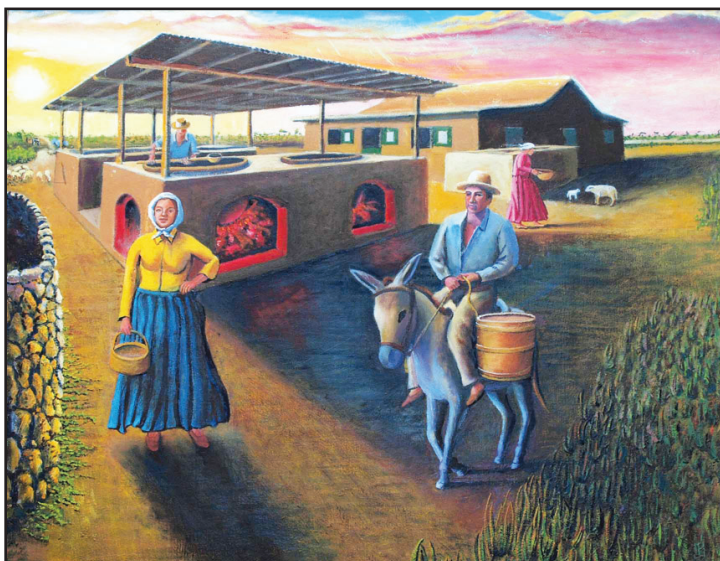
really feel the subject; you hear not only with your ears, but with your heart."

Joannes' compositions, which embody the spirit of Aruban music, have won several awards over the years, during the end of the year Dande Festival, and the annual patriotic song contest for Aruba's National Day, March 18, among others. Harry Croes, organizer of the Dande event came to the podium to praise Joannes for his contributions towards maintaining this aspect of authentic island culture.

Joannes' artwork is very popular, and typically his paintings are an homage to Aruban and regional history, depicting the elements that have shaped and influenced the people of the island.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of Grupo Mariachi, the plaintive lyrics obviously touching the heart of the guest of honor and all those present.

By Rosalie Klein



Depiction of Aruba in colonial times by Joannes

Caroline and Brett says 'I do' at sunset on Aruba's beautiful Eagle Beach



On May 21st 2011 Virginia Caroline Vance & Brett Curran Ruff vowed their love to one another at Eagle Beach.

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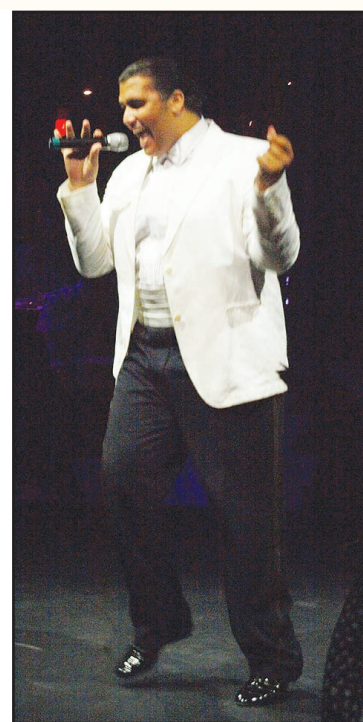
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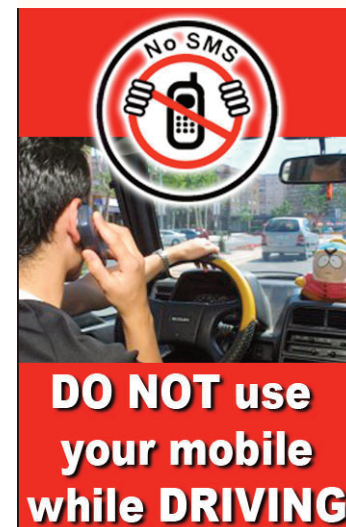
Aruba Tourism Authority representative Ricardo Croes welcomed 60 travel agents from Ecuador working with one of the nation's largest tour operators, PGV Turismo Total, for a week of sampling the island's many amenities; they report they are very pleased with what they have found.

The agents, along with 10 members of the Ecuador press, ended their stay with a flourish by attending the D'Licious show at Zissles in Paseo Herencia Mall Satur-

day evening, May 26. They all raved about the show, including Ricardo, who saw it for the first time, and swears to bring his softball team back for a repeat performance.

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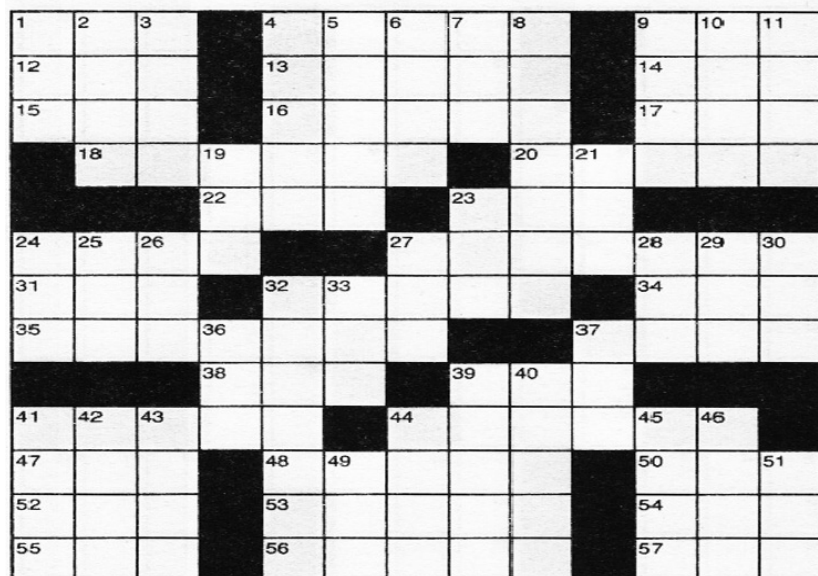
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22. Ogle
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24. Harriet, to Ozzie
27. Eases up
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35. Fancy glassware
37. "Star Wars" creature
38. Address abbr.
39. Dove's comment
41. Torch output
44. Debates a point
47. Very long time
48. ___ a dull moment

50. Fla.'s neighbor
52. Game cube
53. Ground-in dirt
54. CD-___
55. NNE's opposite
56. Lower edges of a roof
57. Vacation resort

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2. Tra-___ (hyph.)
3. Sleeve end
4. "Star Trek" doctor
5. Midwest airport
6. Sail filler
7. New Year's ___
8. Goes off the

9. Recipe abbr.
10. Yule song
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19. Professional charge
21. Edgar Allan ___
23. Bush's party (abbr.)
24. Tail motion
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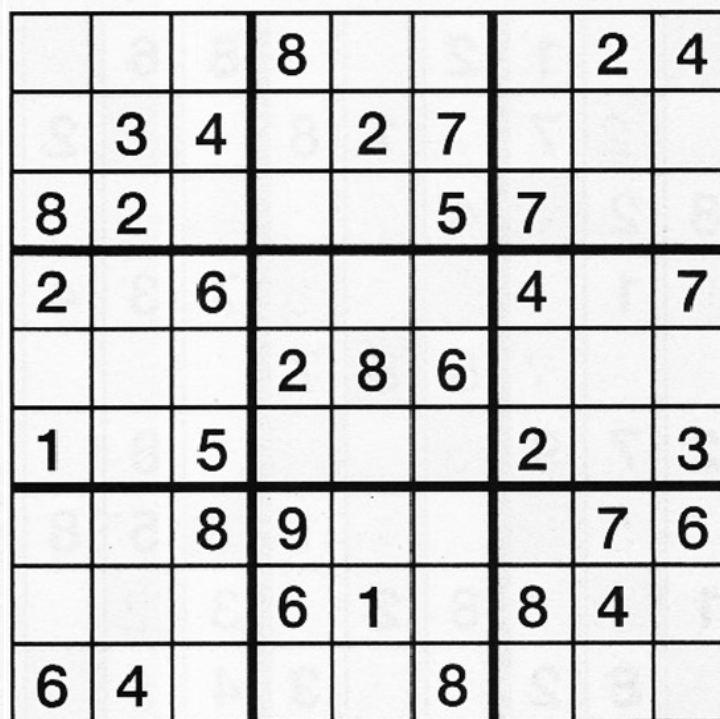
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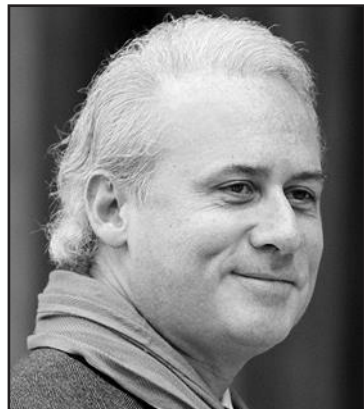
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Finance French minister quits over sexual harassment claims



PARIS, France (AFP) – French politics was rocked on Sunday by another sex scandal when a minister accused of harassment resigned, two weeks after ex-IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn's sensational New York arrest on sex crime charges.

His resignation came after prosecutors this week opened a preliminary investigation into accusations of sexual aggression and rape against Tron, whose lawyer has described his accusers as "inveterate liars."

The 53-year-old minister said in his resignation letter he would disprove the "vindictive" accusations by the former municipal employees, one of whom he said was sacked for fraud and the other for "undignified behaviour."

The two women, aged 34 and 36, claimed in the complaints they lodged with the public prosecutor that Tron assaulted them between 2007 and 2010 while they worked in the town hall of the south Paris suburb Draveil, where Tron is mayor.

Tron has linked the case to a feud with relatives of right-wing National Front leader Marine Le Pen living in Draveil, which prompted Le Pen to announce that she was suing him for defamation.

After examining the evidence, prosecutors can decide to shelve the case against the ex-minister, refer it to an examining magistrate or send it straight for trial.

Political analyst Jerome Fourquet said Tron's resignation might help "calm things down" for Sarkozy.

The president had handled the Strauss-Kahn affair well but was under pressure over similar accusations against a member of his own government, said Fourquet, who works at the Ifop polling institute.

Lagarde to seek support in China, India, Brazil



PARIS, France (AFP) – French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said on Sunday she plans to visit India and China and some African countries as well as Brazil to drum up support for her bid to lead the International Monetary Fund.

"I have proposed to Brazil, China, India and certain African countries" to pay them a visit, she told Europe 1 radio, adding that she would travel today to Brazil because

Greek protesters turn out in thousands



ATHENS, Greece (AFP) – Thousands of people flooded central Athens Sunday evening on the fifth day of protests against government austerity policies after an on-line campaign inspired by Spanish demonstrators.

About 20,000 people assembled in the Greek capital's central Syntagma Square, police estimated, responding to calls on social networking sites for gatherings across Eu-

rope to demand "real democracy".

Below the parliament building, protesters held a placard claiming "poverty is the greatest abuse" while others beat empty pots, chanting "thieves".

"I'm here to say that I've had enough. It's not right to have to pay for politicians' mistakes," said teacher Vivi Villa, 34.

She admitted the action was unlikely to change anything. "But at least we will have told them we don't agree," Villa said.

Greece is struggling to build consensus over an unpopular austerity programme agreed with the European

Union and the International Monetary Fund after they rescued the country from bankruptcy with a huge bailout loan.

Sunday's gathering appeared to be the largest since protests began on Wednesday after the plans were circulated on Facebook.

The non-political, non-ideological demonstrations are modelled on a similar mobilisation in Spain led by a group calling themselves "the indignants."

In Greece protests are usually tightly controlled by unions and parties.

The head of the eurozone finance ministers, Jean-Claude Juncker, warned last week that the International Monetary Fund may block the next 12-billion-euro (17-billion-dollar) installment, the fifth tranche in a 110-billion-euro loan package agreed for the country.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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it was the first state to respond to her proposal.

Brazilian officials had previously confirmed Lagarde's trip and said that Mexico's central bank governor Agustin Carstens, another leading candidate for the position of IMF managing director, was expected in Brasilia on Wednesday.

The so-called BRICS, the group of emerging economic powers that includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, have criticised the Europeans' grip on the IMF, but have not yet agreed on a candidate of their own.

The French finance minister is the favourite to succeed Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who has been charged with sexual assault in New York, as the head of the organisation.

The IMF is due to publish the full list of candidates seeking to become the next managing director by June 17. The final selection is expected to be announced by June 30.

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Taj Mahal Restaurant, an authentic culinary excursion

When Bharat Shah, originally from India, but now a successful businessman in California, put on a spectacular wedding in Aruba for his daughter Lisa and her groom Kalpesh, they welcomed hundreds of friends and relatives from around the world, including the "old country."



Indian spices

When all the wedding guests had finally arrived in Aruba, Bharat hosted an official welcome party along the shore in Palm Beach, and he chose to have it catered by Taj Mahal restaurant, he was that impressed by their cuisine.

If you like your Indian food authentic, or are looking for a new and unique dining experience, an evening at Taj Mahal will deliver a memorable meal. A seemingly endless menu offers scores of choices for fish, chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes that are "the real deal," discover that Indian food goes way beyond curry!

A taste-testing crew from THE MORNING NEWS chose a selection of their singular starters and two main courses with saffron rice, served family style, which provided a fine example of the versatility of their chef.

Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on which you can spoon your main course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal.

Our group also added an appetizer of crunchy Samosas, the Indian form of a potato knish, served with either cilantro or sweet and sour sauce. A platter of their Jhinga, large, crispy-fried shrimp in a delicate batter is ample enough to serve as a main course, though featured on their appetizer menu.

As we mentioned, main courses are served family style, in beautiful little pots that sit upon a candle to keep them warm. Our group sampled the "Mutton Saagwala," also known as "Lamb Shag" which is cooked in a thick sauce of yogurt and spinach, and the "Fish Hara Masala," moist, tender chunks of fish in a rich sauce featuring cilantro as the main flavoring. This is offered in mild, medium and very spicy, we found the medium quite spicy enough for us; it left a tingle on the tongue.

The family style service allows everyone at the table to sample a bit of this and that, and we heartily recommend you do, to truly appreciate this authentic bit of India in Aruba. Open for lunch and dinner, Taj Mahal sports a cozy and intimate air-conditioned dining room and a small outdoor terrace for those that enjoy dining al fresco. They have an exotic dessert menu to match, but our group was too stuffed to partake; there was even enough left to box up and provide a lunch next day for the lucky first person to get to it!

Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, across from Aruba's Numismatic Museum, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary; they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal! Call 588-4494 for reservations.



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Cuban ballet brings 'message of peace'



HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) – The National Ballet of Cuba plans to deliver a "message of peace" when it left Sunday for its first United States tour in eight years, its director, Alicia Alonso, has said.

"It will be wonderful to visit again... and bring to the United States our art, and a message of peace and love," the dance legend told reporters.

Alonso, who is 90 years old, continues to direct the troupe even though she is nearly blind and has trouble walking.

The group will begin its tour on Tuesday with six performances in Washington, then

perform in New York, Costa Mesa, California and Los Angeles. The National Ballet also plans to visit Russia in late summer and Spain before the end of the year.

In May, 2010 Alonso received a tribute from the Metropolitan Opera House for her role in the National Ballet of Cuba, which she founded and has directed since 1948.

Cultural exchanges between Cuba and the United States are rare because of the economic embargo imposed on the island by the United States since 1962, and travel restrictions in place between the two countries.

One monk, one drag queen vs 12,000 police at French G8

DEAUVILLE, France – A few hundred campers in a faraway forest, one Buddhist monk and one drag queen -- protest at G8 summits is not what it used to be.

With nary an activist in sight, the Deauville summit will go down in history for its lack of organised protest, in sharp contrast to past events like the April 2009 NATO meeting in Strasbourg, north-east France, where rioters laid waste to a neighbourhood and set several buildings ablaze.

The 12,000 police officers securing the seaside town of Deauville, host of the annual Group of Eight summit, spent most of their time checking entry badges.

Praying alone at a Deauville roundabout, Japanese Buddhist monk Sekiguchi Toyoshige cut a lonely figure as motorbike outriders and world leaders in limos whizzed past him.

British fraudsters' excuses to scam welfare system



LONDON, England (AFP) – Britons have invented "ridiculous" excuses to swindle money out of the welfare system, from pretending their identity was stolen to saying an identical twin claimed the payments, officials said Sunday.

The government published a list of some of the excuses used by fraudsters targeting the welfare system as it seeks to crack down on a crime which costs the taxpayer £1.6 billion (\$2.6 billion, 1.8 billion euros) a year.

One purportedly jobless person claimed: "I wasn't using the ladders to clean win-

dows, I carried them for therapy for my bad back."

Some men said they did not even know their wife had a job, with one telling inspectors: "I wasn't aware my wife was working because her hours of work coincided with the times I spent in the garden shed."

Other excuses included: "My wallet was stolen so someone must have been using my identity, I haven't been working"; and "It wasn't me working, it was my identical twin."

Minister for welfare reform David Freud said the list proved that the system was in need of drastic change.

"Benefit fraud is no joke, and yet our investigators are routinely dealing with bare-faced cheek and ridiculous excuses for stealing money from the taxpayer," he said.

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government has vowed to overhaul the system and stamp out benefit fraud.

Europe-conquering Barca return home



LONDON : Barcelona's Spanish coach Josep Guardiola (Top) is thrown in the air in celebration after his team beat Manchester United 3-1 during the UEFA Champions League Final football match at Wembley Stadium in London, on May 28, 2011.

AFP PHOTO

BARCELONA, Spain - Europe-conquering Barcelona returned home Sunday for a victory parade on an open-top, double-decker bus in a city-centre celebration with adoring fans.

Barca landed at 4pm (1400 GMT) at Barcelona-El Prat airport bringing home the Champions League Cup after their 3-1 demolition of Manchester United in London's Wembley Stadium.

Coach Joseph Guardiola, man-of-the-match Lionel Messi and the rest of the team boarded an open-top, double-decker bus decked out in the team's red and blue colours and headed to Barcelona's port.

Thousands of fans had already gathered under a baking

hot sun to hail their heroes in a parade beginning at 5.30 pm (1530 GMT) in the port and then weaving through the city centre past a statue of Christopher Columbus.

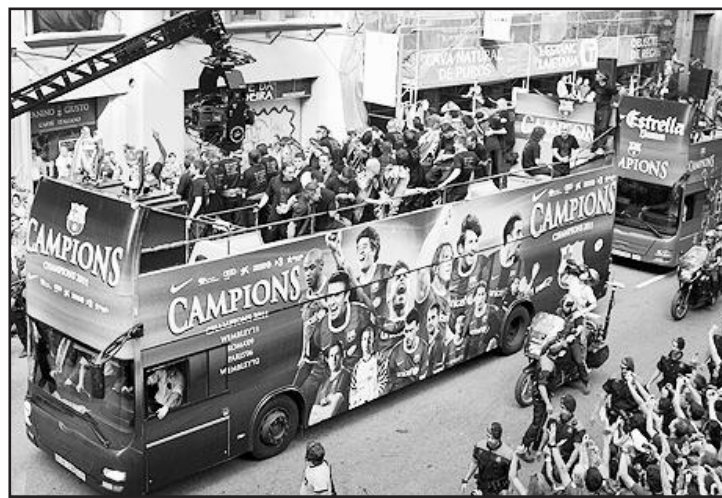
Many tourists joined the fans.

"As an Englishman it pains me," admitted one tourist, John Stirling, admitting however that he had joined Barcelona fans in a city-centre

(1830 GMT).

Barcelona defender Gerard Pique said immediately after the win Saturday that he would go with his teammates to finish the night at a concert by his girlfriend Shakira who is playing in Barcelona.

"Champions!! Champions!! thank you so much!!" Pique wrote. "Tomorrow at Barcelona and then the players will go to @shakira con-



Barcelona : A bus carries Barcelona's players through the streets of Barcelona during a celebratory parade a day. Tens of thousands of fans burst into the streets of Barcelona yesterday chanting "Champions! Champions!"

AFP PHOTO

party that raged Saturday night as his way of thanking them for great football.

The parade culminates at the Barca stadium Camp Nou, which has a capacity of 100,000. Celebrations including concerts are on a two-hour program starting 8.30 pm

cert in the Olympic Stadium!!"

The 24-year-old Pique met Shakira last year while shooting the video to her song "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)" -- the official track of the 2010 World Cup won by Spain.



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Schiavone stays on course at French Open



France's Schiavone celebrates her victory over Jankovic

PARIS (AFP) - Francesca Schiavone's love affair with Roland Garros continued on Sunday as she dug deep to defeat Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals.

It was the little Italian's 11th straight win in Paris following her upset triumph here last year and she will next take on Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who at 19 is 11 years her junior.

The 2006 world junior girls champion and 14th seed saw off her more experienced compatriot and third seed Vera Zvonareva 7-6 (7/4), 2-6, 6-2.

Also through to the last eight was Marion Bartoli who became the first French woman to reach the quarter-finals here since Mary Pierce was runner-up in 2005 when Gisela Dulko retired when 7-5, 1-0 down with an injury to her left thigh.

She will next take on the 2009 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia who defeated Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-7 (6/8), 6-3, 6-2.

With the top two seeds, Caroline Wozniacki and Kim Clijsters already out of the tournament, the highest-ranking players left are fourth seed Victoria Azarenka of Belarus and Schiavone.

It was the first time in the Open era (since 1968) that none of the top three seeds reached the quarter-finals at Roland Garros.

"For sure it is interesting, but in women's tennis now it is really open with many players playing good," Schiavone said.

The Milanese former Fed Cup champion used all her clay-court craftsmanship to counter former world number one Jankovic.

Using plenty spin and tactical positioning, Schiavone ran away with the first set, but the Serb dominated the second.

The key moment in the decider came, after an early exchange of service breaks, in the ninth game with the scores level at 4-4.

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Inter beat Palermo to save season



Inter Milan's captain Javier Zanetti holds the Italian Cup trophy at the end of the soccer match final between Palermo and Inter Milan in Rome

ROME (AFP) - Inter Milan beat Palermo 3-1 at the Stadio Olimpico here on Sunday to lift the Italian Cup and rescue an otherwise disappointing season.

It was Inter's fourth Cup success in the last seven years and Palermo's third defeat in as many trips to the Cup final.

Samuel Eto'o was the hero for Inter, scoring a brace and taking his season's tally for the club to 37 goals in all competitions, beating his previous best total at Barcelona by one goal.

"In football the important thing is to win and without the victory my record wouldn't have been as sweet," said the Cameroon captain.

For Inter boss Leonardo it was his first trophy as a coach.

"It's a huge satisfaction in an entertaining year, with many changes, for me and for Inter," said the Brazilian.

"Being able to finish the last game of the season with two trophies is fantastic," he added referring to the Club World Cup, won in December under his predecessor Rafael Benitez.

Hairston banned one game for bumping umpire

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Major League Baseball suspended Washington Nationals third baseman Jerry Hairston for one game on Sunday for making contact with umpire Ed Hickox during a game against San Diego.

Hairston's "aggressive actions" in the bottom of the seventh inning on Friday prompted the ban and a fine for an undisclosed sum.

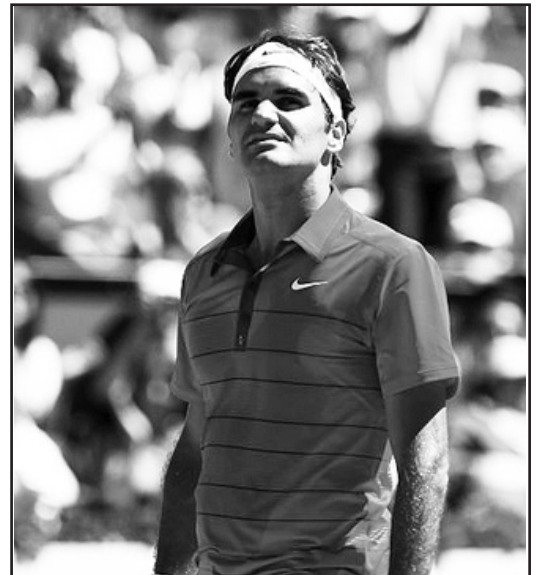
An appeal by Hairston allowed him to stay in the lineup for Sunday's game against the Padres.

Hairston said he asked Hickox for a time out while at the plate and thought it had been given but Padres pitcher Clayton Richard, a former teammate of Hairston, threw the ball.

Hairston made a frantic swing, sending a fly out to centerfield. Hairston began arguing with Hickox and was ejected moments later, although Hairston claimed he never bumped the umpire.

"I didn't push him or shove him in any way - and the video clearly shows that," Hairston said.

Djokovic, Federer close in on semi-final collision



PARIS (AFP) - Novak Djokovic and record-breaking Roger Federer closed in on a French Open semi-final showdown on Sunday while hobbling Italian Fabio Fognini struck a colourful Grand Slam blow for the tennis underclass.

Second seed Djokovic took his winning run to 43 matches as he brushed aside France's Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to set up a last eight clash with Fognini.

Federer, the 2009 champion and third seed, reached a record 28th successive Grand Slam quarter-final with a 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 win over best friend Stanislas Wawrinka.

He will next tackle either Spain's David Ferrer, the seventh seed, or ninth-seeded Gael Monfils of France.

That last 16 tie was suspended due to bad light with Monfils 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, 0-2 in the lead ahead of a Monday conclusion.

Unheralded Fognini, the world 49, became the first Italian man to reach the quarter-finals in 16 years by defeating Spain's Albert Montanes 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3,



Fabio Fognini of Italy appeals to the crowd as he is booed after winning the men's singles round four match against Albert Montanes of Spain

11-9 in a 4 hour 22 minute marathon.

Fognini saved five match points and needed a medical time-out for a left thigh injury which may yet rule him out of his first Grand Slam quarter-final.

Unstoppable Djokovic is now just three wins short of matching Guillermo Vilas's record of 46 consecutive wins and one shy of John McEnroe's mark of 42 for an

unbeaten start to a season set in 1984.

Third seed Federer has reached the last eight without dropping a set as he continues to thrive at a Roland Garros tournament where the world's top two, Rafael Nadal and Djokovic, are expected to reach the final.

Fognini saved five match points and battled crippling cramps to defeat Montanes.

The 24-year-old had been 4-1 down in the final set, then controversially called for treatment for cramping in his left thigh when he was two points from defeat in the 14th game of the decider.

But despite only able to move from side to side, and being called for a series of foot faults, he stunned his 30-year-old opponent, fighting off two match points in the 16th game of the final set and three more in the 18th.

Fognini is first Italian man in the last eight in Paris since Renzo Furlan in 1995.

But Fognini, who was virtually rooted to the spot, with little movement as his injury took hold, admitted he may not be able to make his quarter-final date.

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Sports brief

FIFA clear Blatter, suspend bin Hammam
ZURICH (AFP) - The FIFA ethics committee suspended one-time presidential candidate Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar and FIFA vice-president Jack Warner on Sunday, while clearing FIFA president Sepp Blatter of corruption. The FIFA presidential election will also go ahead as planned on June 1, announced FIFA secretary-general Jerome Valcke after the ethics committee revealed its findings.

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England's Wheldon wins Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - England's Dan Wheldon captured a dramatic centennial edition of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday after American rookie leader J.R. Hildebrand crashed on the final turn of the last lap.

Wheldon, a 2005 Indy 500 winner now unable to find a full-season ride, was runner-up the past two years and appeared destined for another second-place showing until 23-year-old Hildebrand slammed into the outer wall.

"It's just an incredible day," Wheldon said in Victory Lane. "I'm struggling being a part-timer right now. It's a fantastic achievement being here."

Wheldon sped across the finish line first after 200 laps around the famed 2.5-mile (4km) Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval while Hildebrand, trying to manage a victory on a low-fuel tank, skidded across second in his wrecked car.

"We were way at the end of the fuel stint," said Hildebrand, who escaped injury. "I knew the guys behind me were coming hard. I went on



Wheldon drinks milk as he celebrates his victory

the high side and as soon as I did I got into the marbles and went into the wall."

American Graham Rahal, a 22-year-old American trying to become Indy's youngest champion, was third followed by Brazil's Tony Kanaan in fourth with Spain's Oriol Servia fifth.

Defending champion Dario Franchitti went from the lead to the pits for fuel with 36 laps remaining, hoping to reach the finish without another stop.

The leaders' fuel stops put Danica Patrick, trying to become the first woman to win the Indy 500, ahead with 20 laps remaining. But the American was in need of a caution period to complete the final 41 laps without refueling in order to win.

"We had the car to win and we didn't get it done."

Patrick settled for 10th.

"You have to try to win at Indy," Patrick said. "You have to go for it."

Donald wins PGA and takes world No.1 spot



WENTWORTH (AFP) - England's Luke Donald

claimed the PGA Championship and the world number one ranking after a dramatic play-off against Lee Westwood at Wentworth on Sunday.

Tied at six-under par, the pair re-played the 18th - a par-5 - where Westwood put his approach shot into the water surrendering the title and his top spot in the rankings.

Donald was safely on the green in three and when Westwood failed to hole his chip from dropping zone he handed his rival the title.

This is the first time Donald has headed the rankings.

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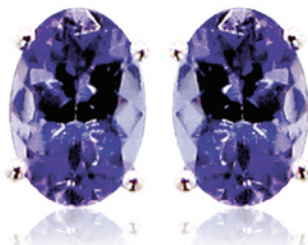


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